

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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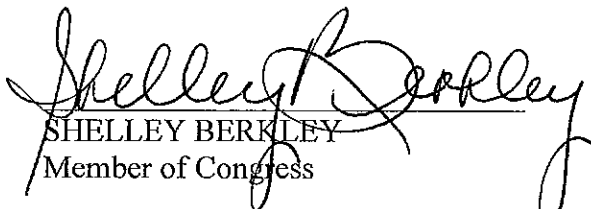
Dear Mr. Secretary General:

We write to express our appreciation for the recent unanimous decision of the member-states of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to invite the State of Israel to join the OECD. We are also thankful for your personal efforts to ensure that Israel's membership bid was judged fairly on economic criteria and not influenced by the political lobbying campaign orchestrated to undermine Israel's international legitimacy.

Israel's enviable economic performance over the past decade, along with its noteworthy scientific and technological accomplishments, clearly made the Jewish State a suitable candidate for membership. The unanimous decision, taken by the 31 member-states, recognizes Israel's achievements, economic strength and ability to contribute to the organization and to the world's economy. Despite attempts by Israel's detractors to prevent the acceptance of Israel into the OECD, your efforts, and the efforts of other member states, ensured that Israel's membership was judged on an even playing field, free of bias or political considerations.


As a founding member and single largest annual financial contributor, the United States' commitment to the OECD runs deep. We have had great confidence in the OECD's ability to maintain the integrity of the institution and its accession process by withstanding the political pressures foisted upon it to reject Israel's candidacy. We look forward to working with all of our OECD partners, including Israel, to promote the organization's mission of furthering economic growth, prosperity and sustainable development.

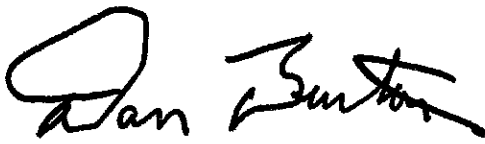
Sincerely,

  
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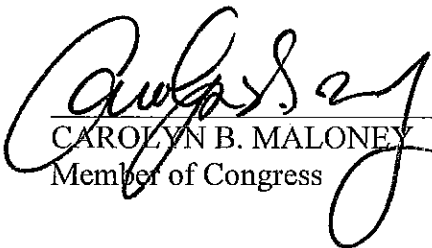
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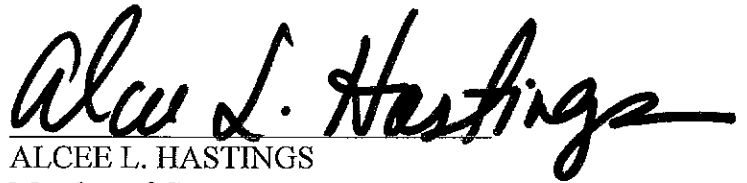
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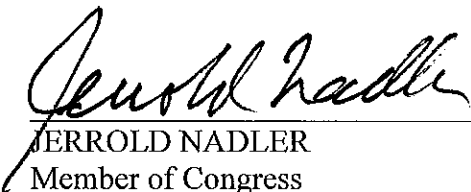
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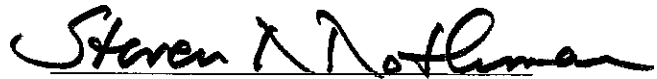
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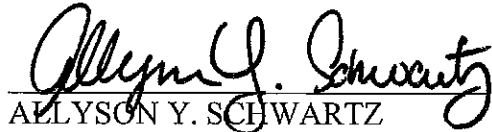
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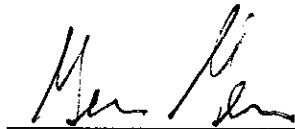
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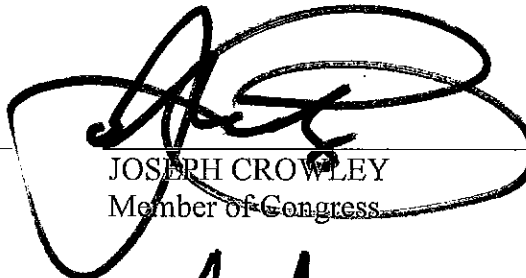
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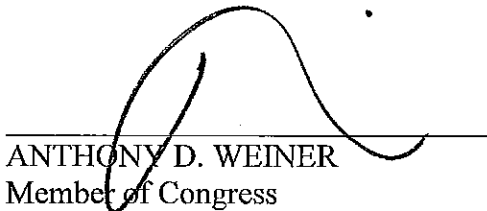
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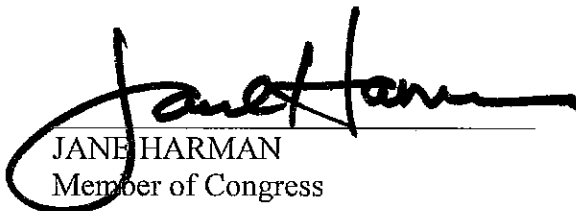
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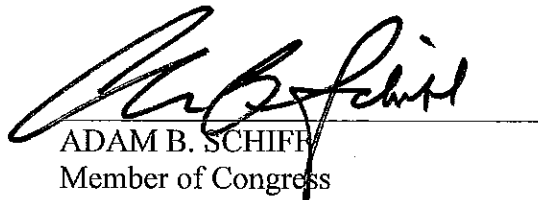
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